

First Grade Phonics Instruction Year – At – A – Glance

First grade will build upon the basic phonological skills that were learned in Kindergarten. Research has indicated that systematic and explicit phonics instruction is effective for all children. We will combine this instruction with the reading of good literature to create a balanced literacy program.

By the end of first grade, students will be able to:

- Segment words into syllables
- Segment syllables into sounds (phonemes) – up to five sounds
- Name sounds of consonants (primary) and short and long vowels when given letters
- Name corresponding letter(s) when given sounds of consonants and vowels
- Identify word structures such as blends, digraphs, basewords, suffixes, syllable types (closed and vowel – consonant – e syllables)
- Read and spell closed syllable and vowel-consonant-e words
- Read and spell compound words and other words with two syllables
- Read and spell words with **s**, **es**, **ed**, **ing** suffixes
- Read and spell High Frequency Sight Words
- Construct sentences using vocabulary words
- Apply correct punctuation (period, question mark, exclamation point)
- Apply capitalization rules for beginning of sentences and names of people